(b) Tariff will have to be so structured to cover the cost of operation & maintenance, as will as to provide for new investment taking care at the same time that lifeline supply would be available at minimum cost to the consumer.

(c) Since this is a State subject, it is for the State Governments to decide on the selection process of private entrepreneurs.

Transport projects in various cities

3196. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has set up the Urban Mass Transit Corporation to carry out the feasibility studies for transport projects in various cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Corporation is expected to commence its work and which cities are likely to be covered initially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) No, Sir. The Urban Mass Transit Company Ltd. (UMTC) was set up in April, 1993, with the approval of Union Cabinet, to undertake the implementation of Hyderabad Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project on Build, Own, Operate & Transfer (BOOT) basis. However, in principle approval was also given by the Union Government for undertaking similar railway based system in other metropolitan cities on Built, Operate & Transfer (BOT) by the UMTC or similar companies in the joint sector with the approval of the concerned State Government. The feasibility study for LRT Hyderabad was got conducted by Government of Andhra Pradesh in 1989 through M/s RITES. No feasibility studies have been carried out by UMTC.

(b) In view of (a) above does not arise.

(c) As at present no sepecific schedule has been prepared by UMTC to commence its work for any tranport projects for any particular city in the country.

Development of Kanyakumari and Kashmir as International Tourist Centres

3197. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan to develop Kanyakumari and Kashmir, the international tourist centres and our country's integral symbol of unity under urban development special schemes;

(b) if so, the details of such plan;

(c) how much amount will be involved for this development plan and the share of Central and State Governments to this; and

(d) the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (d) A centrally sponsored scheme, under which, a revolving fund could be set up for development of small or medium-sized cities, which has cultural wealth and importance, is proposed to be introduced. The matter has been taken up with the Planning Commission and details are being worked out.

Unauthorised constructions/subletting Government Quarters in New Delhi

3198. SHRI GOPAL SINGH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of unauthorised constructions/subletting of Government Quarters and misuse of garages in various Government colonies like Sector-D, Mandir Marg, R.K. Puram, Laxmi Bai Nagar, New Delhi;

(b) the names of persons with quarter numbers who have been given notices by the CPWD and Directorate of Estates in each locality separately till 31-3-2000; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to curb the unscrupulous activities in these Government colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) and (b). The names of allottees with quarter Nos. and localities to whom notices have been served for unauthorised construction/misuse of garages/subletting of General Pool quarters in Sector-D, Mandir Marg, R.K. Puram, Laxmibai Nagar, New Delhi are furnished in statement I & II to this reply (*see* below). These lists are not exhaustive because an intensive survey on Government quarters and garages have been ordered and if more misuses come to light, notice would be sent to those who are misusing these properties.